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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 29, 2000

APPLICATION OF

CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC000044

To implement Extended Local Service
from its Charlottesville exchange
to its Stanardsville exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On February 23, 2000, Central Telephone Company of Virginia ("Centel") filed an application with the Commission pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. Centel proposes to notify its Charlottesville exchange customers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to expand their local service area to include the Stanardsville exchange. The application states that telephone customers in the Stanardsville exchange had earlier petitioned the Commission for local calling to Charlottesville. Using a cost study prepared by Centel, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates that would result from the expansion of the Stanardsville local service area to include Charlottesville. Customers in the Stanardsville exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for local calling to Charlottesville. The majority of those responding supported the proposal.

Cost studies have been conducted to determine the monthly rates for extended local service from Charlottesville to the Stanardsville exchange. Because the resulting increase does not exceed five percent of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate for Charlottesville customers, a poll is not required by § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered Centel's application, Centel's proposed notice, and applicable law, is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed; that Centel should give notice to its customers in the Charlottesville exchange of this application; and that those customers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC000044.

(2) On or before May 15, 2000, Centel customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing about this application. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comment or request for hearing on or before that deadline. Individuals may file single copies. All comments or requests for hearing shall be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O.

Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and shall refer to Case No. PUC000044.

(3) A copy of this Order and the application shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Upon customer request, a copy of Centel's application also shall be furnished by Centel's customer service center.

(4) On or before April 14, 2000, Centel shall publish the following notice in the Charlottesville exchange twice as display advertising (not classified advertising) in newspapers of general circulation in that exchange.

NOTICE THAT CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF
VIRGINIA PROPOSES TO EXPAND THE LOCAL
SERVICE AREA OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE EXCHANGE
TO INCLUDE THE STANARDSVILLE EXCHANGE
CASE NO. PUC000044

Telephone customers in Central Telephone Company of Virginia's ("Centel") Stanardsville exchange petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to the Charlottesville exchange. Customers in the Stanardsville exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay an increase in monthly rates for local calling to the Charlottesville exchange. The majority of those customers responding in the Stanardsville exchange supported this expansion of local service.

Based on Centel's cost, the Commission determined the monthly rates for expanded local service for Charlottesville customers to call the Stanardsville exchange (telephone numbers beginning with 804-939, 985, 990, and 992). For expanded local calling to Stanardsville from Charlottesville, monthly rates would increase as follows: flat rate single-party residential service, \$0.36; flat rate two-party residential service, \$0.32; flat rate four-party residential service, \$0.33; residential Optional Local Calling Plan service, \$0.28; flat rate single-party business service, \$0.74; flat rate Key/Data Trunk, \$1.13; flat rate Centrex/PBX Trunk, \$1.51; and customer-owned coin or semi-public coin service, \$1.51.

Customers whose rates are not listed above or who desire more information on this proposed change should contact Centel's Business Office. Residential customers and businesses should call 811. Copies of Centel's application may be obtained by contacting Centel at the number listed above, or reviewed at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Customers wishing to comment on the proposed change to their local calling area or to request a hearing on the application may do so by filing such requests or comments in writing, referring to Case No. PUC000044, with the Clerk of the Commission, Joel H. Peck, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before May 15, 2000.

The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five percent or 150 of the customers within the Charlottesville exchange request a hearing;

otherwise, the Commission may consider the application without convening a hearing.

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(5) On or before May 15, 2000, Centel shall provide proof of the notice required above.

(6) The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five percent or 150 of the customers within the Charlottesville exchange request a hearing; otherwise, the Commission may consider the application without convening a hearing.

(7) On or before June 2, 2000, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on the comments received.